

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the final Office Action mailed November 21, 2005. Claims 1-13 remain pending in the application and claims 1-3 and 6-11 stand rejected. Claims 12 and 13 are allowed and claims 4 and 5 were objected to for depending from rejected base claims. Claims 4 and 5 have now been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to claims 4 and 5 be withdrawn.

Claims 1-3 and 6-11 have been canceled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserving the right to file such claims in a continuing application. Claims 4, 5, 12 and 13 have also been amended to correct various informalities associated with the claim language. Applicants particularly note that the symbols "η" and "ν" were inadvertently converted to the letters "h" and "n", respectively, in previous amendments, apparently due to font formatting errors. These symbols have been corrected by this amendment. Accordingly, Applicants assert that the remaining claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request early indication of allowance thereof.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, and the remarks set forth herein, Applicants believe this case is in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes any issue requires further discussion, the Examiner is respectfully asked to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved. The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

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Applicants are of the opinion that a fee of \$120 is due as a result of this amendment for a 1-month extension of time. If any additional charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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